

like a dinosaur in the field. He spent four years on Fletcher, his sensational shortstop, before Fletcher became a star—but Fletcher was always a hitter.

Many batters who refuse to back away from a ball coming at their head, have been "beaned" and made plate shy.

After stopping a fast ball with the side of his head, the player who can face speed again and refuse to "pull" is passed as hopeless by pitchers with a tendency to "bean" dangerous batters.

Roger Bresnahan is one player the pitchers could never drive from the plate. He spent some time in a hospital as the result of being "beaned," but when he returned to the game he was up there crowding the plate just the same.

"Kid" Elberfield was another player who refused to be driven from the plate. On the other hand, Frank Chance lost his effectiveness as a hitter, because he was hit so often.

A restaurant owner who feeds a raft of Northwestern students has announced he will give one free meal to every citizen of Evanston if the Purple beats Chicago Nov. 8.

It's a slender thread on which to hang hopes of a free feed.

Gunboat Smith and Charlie Miller have moved their fight up to Friday night. It had been postponed because of a conflict with one of the numerous dates on which Ritchie and Cross were to battle. Neither Miller nor Smith has broken training, but the hasty scheduling of the mill will give the loser a good alibi.

According to an inspired correspondent in Champaign, University of Illinois freshmen, using Chicago plays, made so many touchdowns against the varsity that spectators became tired counting.

San Francisco promoters are trying to arrange a bout between Jimmy Clabby and Mike Gibbons, to be held next month. Questions of weight and the time will be negotiated as soon as

possible. Both battlers have done sufficient star work to assure the success of the set-to if they get together. Gibbons fights Kid Wagner in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., tomorrow night, and stopped in Chicago en route there from St. Paul.

Mike unbuttoned his chin long enough to say he would not meet Packey McFarland if the latter demanded a weight of 142 pounds at 3 o'clock the day of the fight. Gibbons is holding out for 145 pounds.

He was enthusiastic about a crack at Clabby, and said he would meet the Hammond lad half way in the articles of agreement.

#### —o—o— PANAMA MERCHANTS KICK ON U. S. BUTTING IN

Panama, Oct. 29.—Merchants on the isthmus are protesting against the proposed establishment by the United States of a string of stores in the canal zone to supply ships with merchandise, contending that they risked their money to come here when the canal work started, supplied people of the zone during the "lean" times, and it would be unfair for them to lose their business when the canal opening would bring them prosperity.

#### —o—o— NEW "STUNT" FAILS

New York, Oct. 29.—Fusion managers tried out a new "stunt" for collecting funds for the Mitchell cause. They hired thirty attractive girls to go out on Broadway during the noon hour to solicit contributions. Each girl wore a sash on which was denoted her occupation and carried a collection box. A crowd gathered and one man said he'd contribute \$2 for a kiss. "Stoo cheap," the girls remarked indignantly and tendered their resignation.

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A glass bottle blowing machine, invented in Germany, has a speed of two thousand bottles an hour, equal to the work of 250 expert glassblowers.